

House Bill 3482

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY

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Prohibits person from bringing cause of action for damages that result from use of automated external defibrillator if certain requirements are met. Specifies exceptions.

Creates offense of tampering with automated external defibrillator. Punishes by maximum fine of \$720.

Allows Department of Education to award grants to school districts and public charter schools to provide automated external defibrillators in public school facilities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to automated external defibrillators; creating new provisions; repealing ORS 30.801; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) **"Automated external defibrillator" means an automated external defibrillator ap-**
7 **proved for sale by the federal Food and Drug Administration.**

8 (b) **"Public setting" means a location that is accessible to members of the general public,**
9 **employees, visitors and guests, but that is not a private residence.**

10 (2) **A person may not bring a cause of action against another person for damages for**
11 **injury, death or loss that result from acts or omissions involving the use, attempted use or**
12 **nonuse of an automated external defibrillator when the other person:**

13 (a) **Used or attempted to use an automated external defibrillator;**

14 (b) **Was present when an automated external defibrillator was used or should have been**
15 **used;**

16 (c) **Provided training in the use of an automated external defibrillator;**

17 (d) **Is a physician and provided services related to the placement or use of an automated**
18 **external defibrillator; or**

19 (e) **Possesses or controls one or more automated external defibrillators placed in a public**
20 **setting and reasonably complied with the following requirements:**

21 (A) **Maintained, inspected and serviced the automated external defibrillator, the battery**
22 **for the automated external defibrillator and the electrodes for the automated external**
23 **defibrillator in accordance with guidelines set forth by the manufacturer.**

24 (B) **Ensured that a sufficient number of employees received training in the use of an**
25 **automated external defibrillator so that at least one trained employee may be reasonably**
26 **expected to be present at the public setting during regular business hours.**

27 (C) **Stored the automated external defibrillator in a location from which the automated**
28 **external defibrillator can be quickly retrieved during regular business hours.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (D) Clearly indicated the presence and location of each automated external defibrillator.

2 (E) Established a policy to call 9-1-1 to activate the emergency medical services system
3 as soon as practicable after the potential need for the automated external defibrillator is
4 recognized.

5 (3) The immunity provided by this section does not apply if:

6 (a) The person against whom the action is brought acted with gross negligence or with
7 reckless, wanton or intentional misconduct;

8 (b) The use, attempted use or nonuse of an automated external defibrillator occurred at
9 a location where emergency medical care is regularly available; or

10 (c) The person against whom the action is brought possesses or controls one or more
11 automated external defibrillators in a public setting and the person's failure to reasonably
12 comply with the requirements described in subsection (2)(e) of this section caused the alleged
13 injury, death or loss.

14 (4) Nothing in this section affects the liability of a manufacturer, designer, developer,
15 distributor or supplier of an automated external defibrillator, or an accessory for an auto-
16 mated external defibrillator, under the provisions of ORS 30.900 to 30.920 or any other appli-
17 cable state or federal law.

18 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2005 Act applies to causes of action arising on or after the
19 effective date of this 2005 Act.

20 SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, "automated external defibrillator" means an au-
21 tomated external defibrillator approved for sale by the federal Food and Drug Adminis-
22 tration.

23 (2) A person commits the offense of tampering with an automated external defibrillator
24 if the person intentionally or willfully:

25 (a) Removes an automated external defibrillator from the location where the automated
26 external defibrillator is stored, except for the purposes of training, inspection, service, test-
27 ing, repair or use;

28 (b) Tampers with or otherwise renders an automated external defibrillator inoperative,
29 except for the purposes of inspecting, servicing, testing, repairing or recharging the auto-
30 mated external defibrillator; or

31 (c) Obliterates the serial number on the automated external defibrillator for the purpose
32 of falsifying records related to the automated external defibrillator.

33 (3) Tampering with an automated external defibrillator is a Class A violation.

34 SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2005 Act shall be known as the Graeme Jones Memorial
35 Act.

36 SECTION 5. (1) As used in this section, "public school facility" means a building or pre-
37 manufactured structure used by a school district or public charter school to provide educa-
38 tional services to children.

39 (2) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund, the Depart-
40 ment of Education may award grants to school districts and public charter schools to provide
41 automated external defibrillators in public school facilities.

42 (3) The goal of the grant program is to provide automated external defibrillators in at
43 least two public school facilities in each school district.

44 (4) Each school district and public charter school may apply for a grant under this sec-
45 tion. The amount of any grant received by a school district or public charter school under

1 this section may not exceed 60 percent of the actual costs for which grant funds may be used
2 under subsection (5) of this section.

3 (5) Any school district or public charter school that receives grant funds under this
4 section shall use the funds for:

5 (a) Purchasing or leasing automated external defibrillators to be placed in public school
6 facilities;

7 (b) Providing training to school district and public charter school employees and volun-
8 teers on the use of automated external defibrillators; and

9 (c) Any other expense related to providing automated external defibrillators in public
10 school facilities if the expense is approved by the Department of Education.

11 (6) The State Board of Education may adopt rules:

12 (a) To establish criteria for awarding grants based on the goal set forth in subsection (3)
13 of this section;

14 (b) To determine the amount of each grant pursuant to subsection (4) of this section; and

15 (c) That are necessary for the administration of this section.

16 (7) The Department of Education shall seek federal grant funds for the purposes of the
17 grant program.

18 (8) For purposes of the grant program, the Department of Education may accept contri-
19 butions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its agencies or from
20 any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the funds not incon-
21 sistent with the purposes of the grant program.

22 (9) All funds received by the Department of Education under this section shall be paid
23 into the Department of Education Account established in ORS 326.115 to the credit of the
24 grant program.

25 SECTION 6. ORS 30.801 is repealed.

26 SECTION 7. The repeal of ORS 30.801 by section 6 of this 2005 Act does not affect any
27 causes of action arising before the effective date of this 2005 Act.

28 SECTION 8. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
29 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
30 on its passage.

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